- Preventive interventions for the general population through programmes for blood safety, voluntary counseling and testing services, Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT), Information Education and Communication (IEC).
- Provision of low cost care and support services by providing community care services, treatment of opportunistic infections and prevention of occupational exposure and Free Antiretro-viral Therapy in identified centres in the country.
- Collaborative efforts to promote inter-sectoral programme activities including workplace interventions and public-private partnerships.
- Build technical and managerial capacities for programme implementation through Surveillance, Training, Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical resource groups, operational research and Programme management.

**Banning non-iodised salt**

600. SHRI RAMAMUNIREDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reinstated ban on the sale of non-iodised salt from August, 2005;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a very large number of iodine deficiency cases are being reported in the country during the last few years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) There is a proposal to restrict the sale of edible common salt for direct human consumption unless it is iodized. However, non-iodized salt may be sold for iodisation, iron fortification, animal use, preservation, manufacturing medicines and industrial use under proper label declaration.

The Government has issued a draft notification GSR 340 [E] dated 27-5-2005 for inviting objections/suggestions under PFA Rules, 1955 proposing to restrict the sale of edible common salt for direct human consumption unless the same is iodized.

(b) Surveys conducted by Directorate General of Health Services, Indian Council of Medical Research, State Health Directorate and other health institutes, in all the 35 states and UTs have revealed that out of 321 districts surveyed, 260 districts are endemic i.e. where the prevalence of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) is more than 10%

(c) A statement is enclosed.

***Statement***

*Prevalence of Goitre in the Country (State-wise)*

| State/UT | Total No. of Districts | Districts Surveyed | Districts Endemic |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 23 | 12 | 11 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 13 | 11 | 11 |
| Assam | 23 | 18 | 14 |
| Bihar | 37 | 14 | 14 |
| Chhattisgarh | 16 | 2 | 2 |
| Goa | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Gujarat | 25 | 16 | 8 |
| Haryana | 19 | 11 | 9 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 12 | 10 | 10 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Jharkhand | 18 | 9 | 8 |
| Karnataka | 27 | 20 | 6 |
| Kerala | 14 | 14 | 12 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 45 | 14 | 14 |
| Maharashtra | 35 | 29 | 21 |
| Manipur | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| Meghalaya | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| Mizoram | 8 | 3 | 3 |
| Nagaland | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Orissa | 30 | 8 | 7 |
| Punjab | 17 | 3 | 3 |
| Rajasthan | 32 | 3 | 3 |
| Sikkim | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Tamil Nadu | 30 | 29 | 18 |
| Tripura | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 70 | 28 | 22 |
| Uttaranchal | 13 | 9 | 9 |
| West Bengal | 18 | 5 | 5 |

| State/UT | Total No. of Districts | Districts Surveyed | Districts Endemic |
|---|---|---|---|
| A & N Islands | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Chandigarh | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Daman & Diu | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| D & N Haveili | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| NCT Delhi | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Lakshdweep | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Pondicherry | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| TOTAL: | 593 | 321 | 260 |

Endemic = prevalence rate of 10% or more

**Scarcity of drugs**

601. SHRI BALWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are no live saving medicines available in Government Hospitals for the patients of dog bites, snake bites, etc;

(b) if so, whether the patients of dog bites and snake bites are not getting treatment in time due to non-availability of live saving medicines in the hospitals; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In so far as the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi *i.e.* Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences are concerned, all life saving medicines including the drugs required for dog bite; snake bite *i.e.* Anti Rabies Serum, Tissue Culture Vaccine and Anti Snake Venom Serum are available and the patients of dog bites and given the required treatment.

**Infant mortality rate**

602. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the infant mortality rate in the country as per the finding of UNICEF and the State-wise break-up in percentage terms; and